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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Interim Contract Information System
(CONINF) and Support Information Processing System (SIPS)

1. At 1400 on 13 June I met [] in his office for an informal briefing by him on subject systems. The briefing on CONINF was fairly detailed, beginning with a historical review of how the requirement came to be. According to [] the chief cause was OL's embarrassment at the time of the [] "flap." In December 1966 OL approached the SIPS group which soon determined that three possible approaches were available to satisfy the requirement. The first would be to wait for SIPS (now scheduled to be implemented on 1 July 1969) but this was not satisfactory to OL, obviously. The second idea considered was to "piggyback" on CONARS, using the same data elements. This approach was rejected due to the lack of commonality between the CONARS data elements and those desired by OL (only 7 are common between the two lists). The third, and chosen, approach was what [] described as a "primitive interim" system based on 51 data elements (of 96 originally proposed) and 18 output reports (of an original request for 23). Processing of the data will be accomplished by the AD Series of utility sub-routines in OCS; the same currently used for CONARS processing. Thus no major computer programming was required.

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2. In addition to the processing limitations which are inherent in the AD Series (which we have many times experienced) and the lack of commonality between the majority of data elements, CONINF will contain no contractor performance data nor PPB data. So it cannot be used by us as an interim system, even to the extent that an unrevised CONARS could.

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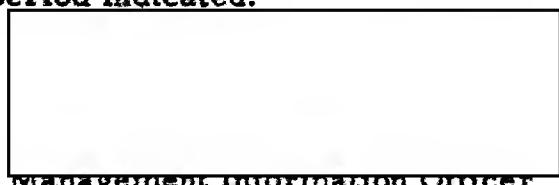
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3. The briefing on SIPS (cut short by the necessity to return to Headquarters Building for another meeting) was much less detailed and specific. It dealt principally with concepts which are reflected in the attachments hereto. The concepts are sound and will ultimately be limited in application only by the ability of OCS software and programmer capabilities. It will provide, if successful, in about two years all of the management information requirements we now have plus many anticipated ones, which means that our upgraded CIS will also be an interim sub-system. Within a short time we should expect the SIPS group to begin calling on us for support in deriving user specifications for DDS&T.

4. I am personally very hopeful that the expectations promised will be realized in the time period indicated.



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Attachments

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